## JUDGE BENJAMIN H. SETTLE 1 2 3 4 5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE 6 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT TACOMA 7 8 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, 9 Plaintiff, 10 NO. CR21-5186BHS VS. 11 ORDER RE DEFENDANT'S ABIDEMI RUFAI, 12 a/k/a Sandy Tong MOTION RE: PASSPORT 13 RELEASE Defendant. 14 15 BEFORE THIS COURT is an unopposed motion for the Eastern District 16 of New York Pretrial Services to release Mr. Rufai's Nigerian passport to Mr. Rufai's case 17 manager at FCI Fort Dix; 18 19 Having considered the filings related to this issue, argument, and upon exercising the 20 Court's discretion, it is hereby 21 ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that defendant's motion be and the 22 same is hereby granted. It is further 23 24 111 25 111 Order Re Passport Release - 1 HESTER LAW GROUP, INC., P.S. 1008 SOUTH YAKIMA AVENUE, SUITE 302 TACOMA, WASHINGTON 98405

(253) 272-2157

Case 3:21-cr-05186-BHS Document 71 Filed 10/21/24 Page 1 of 3

## 

1	ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the Court hereby orders the
2	Eastern District of New York Pretrial Services to release Mr. Rufai's Nigerian passport to
3	Mr. Rufai's case manager at FCI Fort Dix.
4	IT IS SO ORDERED.
5	DATED this 21st day of October 2024.
6	Dept \ Settle
7	
8	JUDGE BENJAMIN H. SETTLE
9	HESTER LAW GROUP, INC., P.S. Attorneys for Defendant
11	
12	/s/ Lance M. Hester LANCE M. HESTER
13	WSB #27813
14	
15	
16	
17	
18	
19	
20	
21	
22	
<ul><li>23</li><li>24</li></ul>	
25	
20	

	Case 3:21-cr-05186-BHS Document 71 Filed 10/21/24 Page 3 of 3
1	
2	CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
3	Kristine Triboulet, hereby certifies under penalty of perjury under the laws of the
4	State of Washington, that on the date set forth below, I electronically filed the foregoing with
5	the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system which will send notification of such filing
6	to the attorneys of record for the plaintiff and co-defendants, if any, and hereby certify that I
7	have mailed the document by U.S. Postal Service to Rufai Abidemi, defendant.
8	Signed at Tacoma, Washington this 17 <sup>th</sup> day of October 2024.
9	
10	
11	/s/ Kristine Triboulet
12	Kristine Triboulet
13	
14	
15	
16	
17	
18	
19	
20	
21	
22	
23	
24	
25	
	Order Re Passport Release - 3 HESTER LAW GROUP, INC., P.S.

HESTER LAW GROUP, INC., P.S. 1008 SOUTH YAKIMA AVENUE, SUITE 302 TACOMA, WASHINGTON 98405 (253) 272-2157